

TODAY'S PRICES

Mexican bank notes (late bills) 89 1/2
Mexico, pesos 14-Normandie 14 1/2
15-Carranza, currency 3-Hay silver
(Hendy & Harmon quotations) 34-
Europe 12-50-55-60-Grains
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WORLD WAR NEWS

16 Dead; 19 Injured In City Jail Fire

GRAND JURY TO PROBE FIRE

25 BATTLESHIPS REPORTED IN NORTH SEA

GERMANS TAKE VERDUN BY STORM; CAPTURE FORGES AND ALL 265

While Kaiser's Troops, After Violent Bombardment, Drives Through Forges to Near Regneville, Another Division Storms Regneville, Though Sustaining Heavy Losses; British Reinforce French.

Speker at Missionary Convention Asks Prayers For Dead and Dying; Says Prisoners Are Only Unfortunate Men; Missionary Work Among Mexicans of Border Urged; Catholic Missionaries Praised.

Coroner's Inquest in Progress; Grand Jury Representative Is Present.

AWFUL SCENES IN JAIL HOLOCAUST

When Tub Of Gasoline Explodes Prisoners Made Human Torches.

MANY UNLucky INCIDENTS MARKED THE FIRE IN THE CITY JAIL Monday afternoon which resulted in the death of 16 and the injury of 19 others, several of whom are not expected to live.

THE DEAD.

Francisco Calderon, 32, Chihuahua street, El Paso.

Yankee Rodriguez, Juarez.

Paul Alvarado, 21, El Paso.

Donaldo Molina, age 17, Third and El Paso streets, room 22.

Gregorio Gonzalez, alias Juan Acosta, Chihuahua.

Ernesto Garcia, half Japanese and half Mexican, Juarez. Has a brother named Mariano Garcia, who lives in the city of Juarez.

Jose Hernandez, 22, Paso.

Alfonso R. Garcia, 21, Paso.

Four unidentified men, apparently Mexicans, saw at the J. J. Koster, 1100, and McLean, Stannard, and Harwood undertaking parlors. Believed to be Dr. A. Alvarez, L. Avila, F. Santana and E. Bustillos.

to die as a result of the fire that he started, exploding on the way to the hospital. Cross and Edward McGowan, who was slightly injured, were arrested about an hour prior to the fire by city detectives on a charge of shoplifting in the Krakauer, Zork & More hardware store on San Francisco street. A small black baseball glove, which is pointed out as the cause of the fire, was an article which the two men are alleged to have stolen.

According to R. E. Bagby, who was in charge of the jail at the time, McGowan light a match, and started toward him to put it out. McGowan extinguished the match, and Cross started to light his cigar, despite the warnings of Dr. G. B. Calnan and jailor

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE; CORONER'S INQUEST HELD

Justice J. M. Weaver started the formal inquest of the jail holocaust at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, calling as many witnesses as were able to testify.

Present at the inquest was a representative of the grand jury and the mass of evidence which is being developed at the inquest will be turned over to the grand jury for the grand jury probe of the tragedy of Monday afternoon.

The grand jury will begin its investigation Wednesday morning and will summon all of the witnesses who appear at the inquest as well as officials and others in an effort to make a complete investigation of the whole affair.

Unusual Escapes.

Many of the prisoners had narrow, almost miraculous escapes. The entire interior of the old cell house in the jail was instantly a mass of flames and before the firemen, who are located in the adjoining building, could subdue the fire, much of the ironwork of the cells was so hot that it blistered flesh touching it. The floor of the steel cells were so hot that the firemen could not stand upon them when they entered in heavy soled shoes.

Screaming in pain Ernesto Molina, age 17 years, the youngest prisoner in the jail, who was within a few feet of the tub when the explosion occurred, ran

to the iron steps leading to the corporation court room on the second floor of the building. Mounted there, he rapidly the suffering youth ran across the court room, leaving blood stained footprints until he leaped out of a window leading to the roof. The patrol wagon shed, from where he was lifted by a party of firemen rescuers from the Central station who threw a ladder against the building.

Heat of Body Damages Prevention.

Osario Soto, serving a term for vagrancy, was the first man to be carried from the burning jail by firemen. He was held down in the alley outside of the emergency hospital. Suffering intense agony and unable to see out of his swollen and bleeding eyes, the man could only sit still and moan until an automobile was thrown over him by a merciful chauffeur, who contributed his services to the city in an effort to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate inmates.

So great was the heat of Soto's body that the black asphalt was drawn to the top of the pavement and the spot where he lay, resembled a sun blistered street.

Blood Drips From Feet.

Just across the alley from Soto another Mexican had been laid, blood pouring from his feet where the soles of his shoes had been completely off.

Ten feet to the right, Harry McCoy, a morphine fiend, was shrieking under the pain and begging physicians to give him another opiate to relieve him of the excruciating pain.

An American who was badly burned about the arms, also escaped and ran overland street to Broadway, turning up to San Antonio and into Ryan's drug store, where he was given medical treatment by employees. He left immediately after being bandaged.

Runs Several Blocks, Blinded.

A Mexican prisoner who was standing in the northern end of the "bull pen" when the explosion occurred, ran through the wall of fire, and escaping the hands of all pursuers, ran to Fourth and Kansas street, where he was firmly grasped by patrol driver Nat O. Hudson and several officers after running through the hallway of the Douglas school.

Wooden Leg Saves Him.

Daniel Trías, a Mexican with a wooden leg, saved himself by standing on his wooden leg with one hand firmly grasping the iron supports of the cell. He sustained severe burns about the head and his hand which held to the cell iron, but would have been more seriously injured if he had not drawn himself out of the wall of flame and held himself up on the wooden stump of a leg.

Fred Marron, a negro serving a 10-day sentence, was very badly burned, his features being hardly distinguish-

able, the flesh cooked to a terrible state.

Saved By Shower Bath.

R. H. Bagby, chief trustee of the jail, and who was attempting to put out the match carried by H. Cross, the man who started the blaze, saved himself by turning on the shower bath and standing about 50 feet east of the jail. Here he was given first aid treatment. One American suddenly jumped upon his feet and ran after him, shouting, "shoot me first, shoot me first, God, how I suffer."

Men Hear Up Heavily.

Harried from the building with the skin buried to a light brown and falling from their bodies much of the pain, gritted their teeth to keep from crying out, but the majority shrieked in pain.

POLICE NOT TO BLAME; HEALTH OFFICERS IN CHARGE

Alderman J. P. O'Connor, chairman of the sanitary committee of the city council, made the following statement Tuesday morning: "It is wrong to censure the police department in any manner for the horrible accident yesterday afternoon, as they had nothing whatever to do with the sanitary work being done in the police station."

"It was being done by the health department, of which I am chairman. It was being done by, and under the direction of, medical men who are men of intelligence."

"While I had nothing to do with the work personally, I do not want any censure, if there is to be any, to be placed upon any other department."

One Mexican believed to have been Ernesto Camacho, awaiting transfer to county jail on a charge of burglary, was taken out of the "bull pen" in an unconscious condition, dying a few minutes later. The body has not yet been identified.

Rushing to the door in an attempt to unlock the cell for the firemen, Bagby was given back by the flames and it was only after the firemen had entered with the chemical agent, that the injured men were lifted out and the pain-stricken prisoners released. They were carried out by the firemen, several of whom were nearly overcome by the nauseating fumes of chlorine.

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Mission Work at Home.

The talk by Mr. Kirkbride supplemented the suggestion by W. M. Gilbert, in his talk Monday afternoon, when he insisted that there was work enough to concern El Paso in the border and his city limits alone, to improve the conditions of the Mexican population and to make advocates and gospel messengers of the large population of educated expatriates who are now living in this city.

Simultaneously with the Layman's convention the chaplains of the United States army along the border are also holding a convention to work out a program for the furthering of industrial and vocational education into the army for the enlisted men. The first meeting of the chaplains was held Monday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. building and a second meeting was held again on Tuesday afternoon. Chaplain John A. Randolph, sixth infantry, was elected chairman of the conference, and chaplain Haywood L. Winter, of the 14th infantry of Douglas, Ariz., the secretary.

Prayers For Victims.

Rev. Alfonso Knight, of Methodist church, offered the prayer for the convention with all of the delegates and speakers standing while it was said. The chief speaker at the morning session and he took the opportunity to pay a tribute to the work of the early Catholic missionaries in America and said: "To the bravery, courage and faith of these early fathers we owe the fact that Christ has been brought to the Indian of the United States and the Mexican. The only misfortune has been that he has not been brought in the deep and sincere way that we might hope to have him brought."

Praises Catholics.

Dr. Kirkbride spoke of the splendid buildings that the Franciscan fathers had built in America, the purpose that had been at all time to make the house of God the most beautiful of all houses and how Protestantism might take something from this practice, and make its temples less of auditoriums and club houses and more places in which the spirit of worship is natural and spontaneous.

Help Mexicans.

He said that while all of the United States were probably not more than a million and a quarter of Mexicans, that they constituted a mission field of great possibilities, and that he did not see the distinction between home and foreign missions; characterizing America as the greatest foreign mission field the world has ever known, and that the world is in proportion to its population because of its enormous foreign population and constant influx of foreigners.

"It is true that the Mexican and the Indian have a conception of Christ, but it is not exactly the right conception. There is much of the heathen left in this race and this is the reason that the flesh cooked to a terrible state."

Mexico Is Our Mission.

"If this is not a magnificent opportunity, the flesh cooked to a terrible state."

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Another Report Says 20 German Dreadnoughts Have Left Base At Kiel.

WILL BRITISH ENGAGE ENEMY?

The Greatest Sea Battle Of Modern Times Is Anticipated If Fleets Meet.

LONDON, Eng., March 7.—Twenty German dreadnoughts have left the coast of England, and are in the North Sea, according to a Rome dispatch, which bases the report on information received from Germany.

The dispatch was held up here by the censor, and a fleet of 25 German warships was observed Monday evening north sea. A message to that effect was received from Vileland, near North Holland.

Kiel East of Hull.

Kiel is almost due east of Hull, one of the most important naval bases on the east coast of England. If it is true that a large fleet of German battleships is cruising in the North Sea, it has been a long time since the British navy has been so close to the German coast.

There is still no word of the British navy, which has been reported to be in the North Sea, but it is believed that the British navy is in the North Sea, and is in the North Sea.

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